FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Plans are being made to conduct nine demonstrations in the county next month and any tobacco growers who are particularly interested in having these demonstrations at their farms should contact the county agent.

NEW MATERALS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR PLANT BED WEED CONTROL

Two new materials are recommended this year in Virginia for control of weeds in tobacco plant beds.

Dr. W. E. Chappell, plant physiologist at VPI Agricultural Experiment Station, says the materials are allyl alcohol and dithiocarbamate. The allyl alcohol is sold under the trade names of "Bed Drench," and "Shell Weedkiller A." The dithiocarbamate is known on the market as "Vapam."

Dr. Chappell and J. L. LaPrade, associate plant pathologist at the Chatham branch of the Experiment Station, have conducted tests for two years at VPI, Chatham, and Glade Spring, and report "generally good" control of all weeds in tobacco plant beds, with the exception of clover. Nothing has yet been found to control clover satisfactorily, Dr. Chappell said.

The new materials are applied as a drench, preferably in October. Manufacturer's recommendations should be followed carefully. They can be applied either by hand with a sprinkling can, or by tractor mounted gear pumps, and are easier to use than cyanamid and methyl bromide, which heretofore have been the only materials recommended. Allyl alcohol and dithiocarbamate require no working into the soil, and no plant bed cover. Beds should be left undisturbed after treatment, and worked very lightly just before seeding in the spring.

Both the cyanamid and methyl bromide treatbents are still recommended, Dr. Chappell says.

Pasteurization Helps Prevent Development of Rancidity

Pasteurization of milk immediately after milking will help keep down rancidity in milk, yet don't overlook clean milking habits and sanitary utensils as safeguards against the development of rancidity.

Some cows secrete unusually large amounts of a substance called "lipase," which causes a bitter, rancid flavor. When a cow's milk is bitter or rancid when milked, nothing can be done but to let her go dry. When she freshens again, her milk likely will be normal.

If an animal produces rancid milk early in her lactation, there is no chance that the off-flavor will disappear.

Rancidity occurs most commonly in late fall and winter months. Such milk or cream, when churned, produces excessive foam, making churning difficult and sometimes impossible.

Feed does not cause rancid milk. Cows will produce milk with a bitter flavor if they eat such materials as beet tops, moldy straw, ragweeds, or acorns. However, this bitter flavor should not be confused with rancidity. The two flavors are distinctly different types of bitterness.

Fall Application of 2,4-D Helps Control Lawn Weeds

A fall application of 2,4-D will help rid your lawn of unsightly weeds such as dandelion and dock.

Tests have shown that applications in the fall are far preferable to applications in the spring for control of dandelion and similar weeds.

Late spring applications are better for such weeds as plantain, buckhorn and ragweed.

Use a low volatile ester form of 2,4-D. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations, and be careful not to let the material get on susceptible plants.

Last-Minute Reminder For Winter Pastures

Here's a last minute reminder about winter pastures.

A well-planned winter grazing program will provide around 60 days extra grazing in all areas of the state.

The winter pastures should already have been seeded, but will still give good results in most sections of Virginia if seeded immediately.

Use a high seeding rate of equal parts of rye and barley, at the rate of 2 to 4 bushels per acre. Rye alone should be seeded at 2 bushels per acre.

Use 600 to 800 pounds per acre of 10-10-10, or the equivalent in other 1-1-1 ratio fertilizer for small grain mixtures or rye grass.

Small Grain Seeding Time

Small grain seeding time is here for barley and grain and just around the corner for others. All seeding dates are dependent upon moisture supply, but where practical the following dates are suggested:

Oats— Sept. 1 - Oct. 1.
Barley—Sept. 15 - Oct. 10.
Wheat— Oct. 1 - Nov. 1.

Recommended seeding rates per acre:

Oats—2 - 2½ bushels.
Barley—1½ to 2 bushels.
Wheat—1 - 1½ bushels.

Varieties are important for top yields as is the source of the seed. Certified seed are the most dependable seed for purity and high germination.

STRENGTH DEVELOPS IN CATTLE PRICES

What's going to happen to cattle prices in the next few months?

That's an oft-asked question in Virginia farm circles these days, and here's how J. D. Johnson, associate agricultural economist at VPI, answers it.

A recent up-turn in fed cattle prices is undergirding stocker and feeder price prospects for the coming marketing season. The nation's feed lots were emptier on April 1 and July 1 than they were for the corresponding periods a year ago. And more of the cattle on feed were in the lighter weight class. These conditions generally generate higher prices for top-quality animals for the next three to five months.

With the up-turn in prices, many feeders are realizing their best margins in two or three years. Because of these favorable margins, and the large grain crops expected, farmers are expected to increase their purchases of stocker and feeder animals. A potential short supply of heavier grain-fed cattle will tend to put a premium on top-quality yearling steers, especially during the early part of the marketing season. Fancy and choice yearling steers in good order, weighing from 750 to 900 pounds, are expected to bring from $19.50 to $22.50, averaging around $20.00 in the special yearling sales this fall in Virginia.

Similar prices should prevail in the larger auction markets when the supply is reasonably adequate. There also will be a stronger demand for a limited number of good and choice steers weighing from 900 to 1100 pounds.

Prices in the feeder calf sales this fall should be near the levels of last year, but the top-quality heavier calves are likely to be in stronger demand than the lighter weights.

There has been some speculation that drouth conditions in Texas, Oklahoma and Arizona would create large marketings from that area and cause an early decline in feeder prices. Receipts at terminal markets in this area have been running from 25 to 35 percent higher than last year, but despite heavier marketings, prices have strengthened for top-quality calves.

Favorable margins now enjoyed by feed-lot operators, resulting mainly from recent increases in slaughter prices, are expected to stabilize feeder and stocker prices throughout most of the fall marketing season in Virginia. In addition, the down-turn expected in the prices for heavier, grass - fattened slaughter steers will not be as great as expected, and in fact may not develop at all. The supply of cattle of such weights will be relatively small through the early part of October. Price spreads between good and lower grade steers likely will be larger than normal this fall when marketing off grass increases.

In general, Johnson summarizes, Virginia farmers who watch the market carefully and do a good job of selling should receive prices not too different, and perhaps a little better, than those of 1955.

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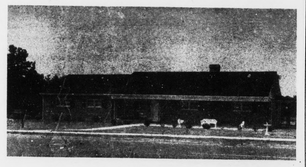

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South Carolina Girl To Seek Festival Queen Title

Miss Robin Williamson will be "Miss Conway, S. C." in the Eighth Annual Tobacco Festival at Richmond, Va. October 13.

Twenty-five beautiful princesses will vie for the title of "Queen of Tobaccoland" in the Eighth Annual Tobacco Festival to be held in Richmond, October 10 - 13, General Chairman Floyd E. Adams announced today.

Princesses are being sponsored this year by tobacco markets in Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina as well as by about twenty-two markets in Virginia.

The new "Queen of Tobaccoland" will be selected from this group by a judging committee on the basis of talent, beauty, posture, figure, poise and general conduct. The winner will receive a thousand dollar scholarship to be used at the college of her choice. Miss Doris Bigger, sponsored by the Danville Tobacco Association last year, is the reigning Queen. She will hold this title until the new Queen is announced during the pregame show at the Tobacco Bowl football game between the Universities of Virginia and South Carolina on Saturday, October 13.

Princesses will be honored guests for two luncheons, a buffet supper, the two football games, a Princess Dance and the Tobacco Ball. Each princess will ride in a new convertible car in the five-mile long illuminated parade on Friday evening and to the pregame show at City Stadium which begins at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 13.

Appomattox is a growing town.

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HAVE 22,381,000 VETERANS IN U. S. IN CIVILIAN LIFE

The latest statistical estimates of the Veterans Administration show a total estimated number of veterans of all U. S. wars in civil life on June 30, 1956, of 22,381,000.

The largest total of these were veterans of World War II service, who added up to 15,270,000. There were an estimated 4,012,000 veterans of post-Korea military service, many of whom had also seen service in World War II. Of the number, 3,822,000 were estimated to have had no World War II service.

Surviving World War I veterans were estimated at 3,061,000. There were only 128,000 listed from the Spanish - American and prior wars.

The estimates were broken down by states and included figures for Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The total for Virginia was estimated at 438,000 veterans, of whom 294,000 were listed for World War II and 115,000 of the Korean conflict.

For North Carolina, the total was 487,000 veterans of all wars.

West Virginia showed a 280,000 total of veterans, and Kentucky had 362,000.

Farm prices declined about 3 per cent in the month of August.

VIRGINIA WOMEN TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING IN TEXAS

Several home demonstration women from Virginia are to attend the National Home Demonstration Council meeting in Antonio, Texas, September 25. Miss Maude E. Wallace, state director, VPI Agricultural Extension Service, has announced.

Official delegates from Virginia will be: Mrs. J. Binion Gordon, Fairfax, president of the Virginia Federation; Mrs. S. S. Chinn, district president, Lynchburg; Mrs. G. Wright Thompson, Jr., as alternate.

Miss Wallace also has received an announcement from the Extension Council that Campbell County stands top in the nation in a home demonstration club traffic safety award. The award of $100 for the county will be presented at the Antonio meeting to Mrs. A. B. Clement, Lynchburg, health and safety chairman for Campbell County home demonstration clubs. Mrs. Clement receives an additional $50, all expenses for the trip from the Ford Motive Safety Foundation.

Other home demonstration women planning to attend the meeting include Mrs. Mrs. Frank Moore of Appomattox.

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Lonewall

Lonewall, Sept. 18.- We are so glad for the nice shower of yesterday to cool off things a bit.

Mr. Feyman Williams preached at Samuel Presbyterian Church on A. M at 11 o'clock. After service at the church, he and Mrs. Ferguson went over to the Community Center and had dinner together. Such a day for the pastor and his wife to all be together. Hope the Lord spare them all to live to enjoy more happy days together.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paulette, of Branch spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton spent the week-end in Richmond with Suffolks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sep. Spencer, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler. Also attended the Alvis reunion at the home of Mr. Jack Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and family of Richmond, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler. They also attended the Alvis reunion.

Those who called to see Mr. and Mrs. L. Clark over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard, Mr. Frank Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

The church was filled with relatives and friends last Saturday for the wedding of Miss Annie T. Davidson and Mr. Herbert Matthews, III. It was such a lovely wedding and our church has lost a friend for some other church to gain. Best of luck to this fine couple in their new life together. They will live at Orange, Va., where the groom is employed.

Mrs. Elsie Caldwell, of Evington, Va., spent the week-end at her home near here.

Quite a few from here attended the funeral of Mr. Abner Grow at Trinity Church on Monday evening. Deepest sympathy is extended to his loved ones. He was born and raised near Trinity and spent his boyhood days in that community.

Mr. Floyde Weidman, of Illinois spent the week-end with his wife and children in the home of her mother, Mrs. E. H. Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carson last Sunday evening. Mr. Carson is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Drinkard Sr. visited Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and family at Beckham last Sunday evening.

The Rev. and Mrs. Floy Cox and two girls, of Madison Heights were in our community last Saturday evening. They also attended the wedding of Miss Annie T. Davidson and Mr. Matthews at the Hebron Baptist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Cox were most welcome here, where they made many friends while being in the parsonage and being our beloved pastor for three short years.

Mrs. John Hurt, of Lynchburg, spent part of last week with her two brothers, Herman and George Beard. All three spent Sunday in Farmville with their sister, Mrs. Chatt Chapman and her family.

The death tool on the nation's highways over the Labor Day weekend, 435, has been surpassed only twice previously.

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FARM QUESTIONS - ANSWERS

(Note: Agricultural workers report the following questions are being asked by farmers. Staff members at VPI supplied the answers).

Q. What is the latest date I can cut my alfalfa for hay?

A. If the field is to remain in alfalfa, don't cut it later than three to four weeks before the average date of the first killing frost in your area. If you cut it later, you can count on a drop in yield next year about equal to the amount you get at the last cutting. If the alfalfa is to be plowed under anyway, cut it anytime before frost.

Q. What is the best mixture for seeding winter pastures?

A. In recent tests conducted by the VPI Agricultural Experiment Station, rye and mixtures of rye and barley yielded more than other commonly used mixtures. Equal parts of rye and barley seeded at the rate of 2 to 4 bushels per acre should give excellent results. Where adapted (in eastern Virginia) crimson clover will improve the mixture.

Q. How can I best fit the soil bank program into my farming operation?

A. This continues to be one of the most frequently asked questions in Virginia. Each farmer must find his own individual answer. Study the soil bank program, consult with your county agents and ASC officials, and take whatever action your careful planning says you should.

Q. What can I do about springs, streams and wells that are drying up?

A. There's not much you can do about it, except pray for rain. On a long-range basis, use the best conservation measures (keep the ground under cover,etc.), and consider some system of water storage, use of "seeps," etc.

Q. How can I protect shelled beans in storage?

A. Put them in a bag and hang in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. If you're having trouble with weevils, put the beans in jars or cans and add a few drops of carbon bisulfide to each container.

Q. Is it too late to seed alfalfa?

A. In Tidewater and eastern Virginia you can safely seed alfalfa up until the first of October. In other parts of the state, you now have only about a 50-50 chance (maybe less) of getting a successful stand. If you want to gamble on having a warm, late fall, go ahead and seed the crop.

Colored Dots

The annual baptizing services will be conducted at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 10:30. Candidates from Gaillee, Mount Shiloh, and Promise Land will be baptized. The regular morning service will begin promtply at 11:30. The pastor of the church will officiate. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The regular quarterly church meeting of the Promise Land Baptist Church will be held this Saturday evening at 2:30.

Impressive services were held at the Gaillee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a helpful sermon. The church choir rendered special music. The offering for the day was very good. A short meeting was held after the service and the two auxiliaries of the church held their regular meeting.

The first meeting of the school year of the Modernistic Club will be held at the home of Mrs. George Beasley this Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All club members are urged to attend this first meeting.

Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Mrs. Theda Harris and Mrs. Fenell and her sister, of Lynchburg, attended the planning meeting of the V. T. A. in Richmond last Saturday.

Don't forget the East and West Bound Sunday School Union in its annual meeting at the Gaillee Baptist Sunday School this coming fifth Sunday at 10:30 A. M.

Allen Watkins spent a few days here en route to West Virginia State College, where he begins his second year's work.

Miss Sarah Watkins left Tuesday for Virginia State College, where she will enter the senior class.

A surprise birthday party was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cris Austin Saturday, Sept. 15, for Mrs. Willie A. Wheeler, on her 75th birthday. Some of the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. James Carter and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Austin and family. The party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Cris Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Jones.

There will be service at the Jordan Baptist Church Sunday, Sept. 23. The Rev. S. E. Singleton.

Communism's Appeal

A news item says Moscow residents average one bath in eighteen months. Things like this are what attract young boys to Communism. —Louisville Courier-Journal

Hixburg

Hixburg, Sept. 18.- Mr. J. S. Hix, of Thomasville is spending several nights this week in the home of W. D. Hix, Jr.

Tom Hix, who has recently been mustered out of the Army at Fort Jackson, S. C., matriculated at the University of Richmond on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Clements, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end in the river home of Mr. Hans Van Nes Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Carson at Monterey.

Mr. Herman Glenn and sister, Mrs. Otis Gilliam are both being treated at the Jefferson Hospital in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fore attended the funeral of Mr. Shirley Davis, his uncle, on September 8, in Roanoke. Shirley was reared on the Fore farm, and attended the Hixburg school.

Pvt. Carl Glover, who is at home on a fourteen day furlough, will leave on Tuesday for Seattle, where he will take a course in advanced infantry.

Mr. E. P. Sears underwent an operation at the Virginia Baptist Hospital on Tuesday. With him were his sons, and Mrs. Jimmy Guild, his daughter from Richmond. Mrs. Edwin Leatherburg, his daughter from Accomac Courthouse, came to see him on Saturday.

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club had a picnic at the home of Mrs. Rob Martin, their sponsor, on Friday P. M. After the supper they went to a movie at the "Drive-In" at Appomattox. Mrs. Bernard Anderson and Miss Elizabeth Pancake attended the picnic after visiting club member's homes to see what progress was being made on the various projects.

WHO SAID SO?

Sante Fe, N. M.- Four women fishing in a pond were approached by an official of the State Game and Fish Department and asked if they were having any luck. The women replied that they didn't believe there were any fish in the lake. The lake happened to be one of the state's largest fish hatcheries, abounding in fish.

Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, Sept. 18.- Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pittinger, of Harrisonburg spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and son, of Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Covington, of Buena Vista, and Mrs. D. C. Myers, of Madisonville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kress attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Lula Wilson, of Chilhowie, in Southwest Virginia, Friday.

Misses Mary and Martha Cheranault, of Appomattox visited Miss Barbara Jean Webber during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Shelton and Mr. Daniel Thompson visited the former's son, Arthur Shelton, who is a patient in Duke Hospital in Durham, N. C., Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Garrison and daughter, Miss Mattie Garrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Garrison and son, of Madisonville, and Miss Ina Garrison, of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. Robert Garrison Sunday.

Mrs. Eunice Baldson and son, Kenneth spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Al Kawalsky and family in Lynchburg.

Elder and Mrs. V. Clifford Brown and three small sons, Ronny, Billy and Jerry left Sunday for their home in Pittsfield, Mass., after spending a week in Pamplin visiting Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fore. Other week-end guests in this same home were Mr. James Fore and Mr. Richard Longest, of Richmond; Mr. Lacy Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ramsey, of Lynchburg, and Mr. Elwood Mann, of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. George Ray Baldwin and two children, Junior and Rita Fay, and Mrs. Bessie Baldwin visited Mrs. Juddy Glover Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tolley and little son, Roy Allen Tolley, visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Glover, of Evergreen recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Taylor spent the week-end in Lynchburg with Mr. and Mrs. John Staton.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew R. Mann and son, Andrew Thornton, visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Fitzgerald and family, at Massie's Mill during the week-end.

Mrs. W. S. Cumby spent the week-end in Crewe with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cumby.

Mrs. Juddy Glover and grandson, Roy Allen Tolley spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. T. D. Harris and family, of Appomattox.

Miss Mary Ann Melcher, of Lincoln, Nebraska, are spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hubbard.

Two Cents Daily

When the rumors first spread that the New York Herald was for sale, William Randolph Hearst sent a cable to James Gordon Bennett, publisher of the Herald, which head: "what price are you asking for the Herald?"

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